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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTO/SB/08A) and copies of the documents cited therein. The relevance of EP 0 280 851 and EP 0 010 655 is indicated in the Official Action of the German Patent Office (dated August 9, 2000) being submitted herewith. The relevance of GB 2 225 570 and JP 63054485 is indicated in the Official Action of the British Patent Office (dated April 25, 2003) being submitted herewith. U.S. Patent No. 5,429,873, U.S. Patent No. 4,680,173, and U.S. Patent No. 6,124,392, cited in the Official Action of the British Patent Office, were previously made of record by the Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement dated June 1, 2001.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the aboveidentified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

An Advisory Action was issued on May 22, 2003 for this application. Therefore, Applicants have enclosed a check in the amount of \$180.00 for fees due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(c)(2).

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